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Dear Ms. Hesse:

As a consumer of high-tech products, I am writing this letter to register my support for the recently negotiated settlement of the Microsoft lawsuit. It is clear that the best interest of all is for a quick resolution of this long and expensive lawsuit.

Though some will say the terms of the settlement are not stringent enough, I think it preferable to find a workable solution rather than mete out crippling sanctions against Microsoft that will do nothing more than dull America's cutting-edge technological superiority.

Antitrust laws were meant to protect consumers, yet at no time during this case has anyone shown Microsoft has done harm to a consumer. I say it is time to put an end to this competitor-driven pursuit and let technological innovators, such as Microsoft, continue to fight it out in the marketplace, not the courtroom.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Loretta Hill".

Loretta Hill
President
The Colony Chamber of Commerce